REV. DR. TALMAGE.

The Eminent Washington Divine's Sunday Sermon.

An Eloquent Plea for Famine Sufferers in a Distant Land.

TEXT: "This is Ahasuerus which reigned from India even unto Ethiopia."-Esther

Among the 773,693 words which make up the Bible only once occurs the word "India." In this part of the Scriptures, which the rabbis call "Megillah Esther," or the volume of Esther, a book sometimes complained against because the word "God" is not even once mentioned in it. although one rightly disposed can see God in it from the first chapter to the last, we have it set forth that Xerxes, or Ahasuerus, who invaded Greece with 2,000,000 men, but returned in a poor fisher's boat, had a vast dominion, among other regions, India. In my text India takes its place in Bible geography, and the interest in that land has continued to increase until, with more and more enthusiasm, all around the world Bishop Heber's hymn about "India's coral strand" is being sung. Never will I forget the thrill of anticipation that went through my body and mind and soul when after two weeks' tossing on the seas around Ceylon and India-for the winds did not, ceylon and India—for the winds did not, according to the old hymn, "blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle"—our ship sailed up one of the mouths of the Ganges, past James and Mary island, so named because a royal ship of that name was wrecked there, and I stepped ashore at Calcutta, amid the shrines and the temples and sculptures of that City of Paleace, the strength and sculptures of that City of Palaces, the strange physiog-nomies of the living and cremations of the dead. I had never expected to be there, because the sea and I long ago had a serious falling out, but, the facilities of travel are so increasing that you and your children will probably visit that land of bound-

Christ during His earthly stay was never outside of Asia. When He had sixteen or aighteen years to spare from His active work, instead of spending that time in Europe I think he goes farther toward the heart of Asia—namely, India. The Bible says nothing of Christ from twelve years of age until thirty, but there are records in India and traditions in India which represent a strange, wonderful, most excellent and supernatural being as staying in India about that time. I think Christ was there much of the time between His twelfth and His thirtieth year; but, however that may be, Christ was born in Asia, suffered in Asia, died in Asia, ascended from Asia, and all that makes me turn my ear more attertively toward that continent as I hear its

Besides that I remember that some of the most splendid achievements for the cause of that Asiatic Christ have been made in India. How the heart of every intelligent Christian beats with admiration at the mere mention of the name of Henry Martyn! Having read the life of our American David Brainerd, who gave his life to evangelizing our American savages. Henry Martyn goes forward to give his life for the salvation of India, dying from exhaustion of service at thirty-one years of age. Lord Macaulay, writing of him says: Here Martyn lies. In manhood's early

The Christian hero found a pagan tomb. Religion, sorrowing o'er her favorite son, Points to the glorious tropies which he won. Immortal trophies! Not with slaughter red, Nor stained with tears by friendless orphans shed.

But trophies of the cross. In that dear Through every scene of danger, toil and

Onward he journeyed to that happy shore, Where danger, toil and shame are known

ous, a most wondrous character than Will-iam Carey, the converted shoemaker of Eng-land, daring all things for God in India, translating the Bible into many dialects, building chapels and opening mission houses and laying foundations for the redemption of the country, and although Sidney Smith, who sometimes laughed at things he ought not to have satirized, had in the learned Edinburgh Review scoffed at the idea of what he called "low born, low bred mechanical". bred mechanics" like Carey attempting to convert the Brahmins, Carey stopped not until he had started influences that eter-nity, no more than time, shall have power to arrest, 313,000 Bibles going forth from his printing presses at Serampore. His sublime humility showed itself in the epitaph he ordered from the old gospel

A wretched, poor and helpless worm, On thy kind arms I fall.

Need I tell you of Alphonse Lacroix, the Swiss missionary in India, or of William Butler, the glorious American Methodist missionary in India, or of the royal family of the Scudders of the Reformed Church of America, my dear mother church, to whom
I give a kiss of love in passing, or of Dr.
Alexander Duff, the Scotch missionary
whose visit to this country some of us will
remember forever? When he stood in the old Broadway tabernacle, New York, and pleaded for India until there was no other depth of religious emotion for him to stir and no loftier height of Christain eloquence for him to scale, and closed in a whiriwind of halleluiahs. I could believe that which was said of him—that while pleading the cause of India in one of the churches of Scotland he got so overwrought that he fell in the pulpit in a swoon and was carried into the vestry to be resuscitated, and when restored to his senses and preparation was being made to carry him out to some dwelling where he could be put to bed he compelled his friends to take him back to the pulpit to complete his plea for the salvation of Incomplete his plea for the salvation of India, no sooner getting on his feet than he began where he left off, but with more gi-gantic power than before he fainted. But just as noble as any I have mentioned are the men and women who are there now for Christ's sake and the redemption of that people. Far away from their native land, on one side and black plague on the other side, swamps breathing on them ma-laria, and jungles howling on them with wild beasts or hissing with cobras, the names of those missionaries of all denominations to be written so high on the roll of martyrs that no names of the last 1800 years shall be written above them. You ed to see them at their work in schools and churches and lazarettos to appreciate them. All honor upon them and their households while I smite the dying lips of their slanderers.

Most interesting are the people of India. At Calcutta I said to one of their leaders, who spoke English well:

"Have these idols which I see any power of themselves to help or destroy?"

He said: "No; they only represent God.
There is but one God."

"When people die, where do they go to?"
"That depends upon what they have been doing. If they have been doing good, o heaven, and if they have been doing evil,

ration of souls, and that after death we go to birds or animals of some sort?" Yes. The last creature a man is think-of while dying is the one into which he I go. If he is thinking of a beast, he will into a beast."

"I thought you said that at death the oul goes to heaven or hell?"
"He goes there by a gradual process. It may take him years and years."
"Can any one become a Hindoo? Could become a Hindoo?"

"Yes; you could."
"How could I become a Aindoo?"
"By doing as the Hindoos do."
From that continent of interesting folk, from that continent that gave the Christ, from that continent which has been en-

deared by so many missionary heroics, there comes a groan of 80,000,000 people in hunger. More people are in danger of starving to death in India to-day than the entire population of the United States. In the famine in India in the year 1877, about 6,000,000 people starved to death. That is more than all the people of Washington, of New York, of Philadelphia, of Chicago, put together. But that famine was not a tenth part as awful as the one there now raging. Twenty thousand are dying there of famine every day. Whole villages and towns have died—every man, woman and child; none left to bury the dead. The vultures and the jackals are the only pallbearers. Though some help has been sent, before full relief can reach them I suppose there will be at least 10,000,000 dead. Starvation, even for one person, is an awful process. No food, the vitals znaw upon themselves. deared by so many missionary heroics, No food, the vitals gnaw upon themselves. and faintness and languor and pangs from head to foot, and horror and despair and

insanity take full possession.

One handful of wheat or corn or rice per one handful of wheat or corn or rice per day would keep life going, but they cannot get a handful. The crops failed, and the millions are dying. Oh, it is hard to be hungry in a world where there are enough grain and fruit and meat to fill all the hungry mouths on the planet; but, alas, that the sufferer and the supply cannot be prought together. There strated but the brought together. There stands India to-lay! Look at her! Her face dusky from fay! Look at her! Her face dusky from the hot suns of many centuries; under her turban such achings of brow as only a dyurban such achings of brow as hollow with unatterable woe; the tears rolling down her unken cheek; her back bent with more agonies than she knows how to carry; her vens containing nothing but ashes. Gaunt, thastly, wasted, the dew of death upon ter forehead and a pallor such as the last hour brings, she stretches forth her tremsling hand toward us, and with hoarse whisper she says: "I am dying! Give me, read! That is what I want! Bread! Give it to me quick. Give it to me now-bread! bread! America has heard the ry. Many thousands of dollars have al-ceady been contributed. One ship laden with breadstuffs has sailed from San Francisco for India. Our senate and house of representatives, in a bill signed by our sympathetic president, have authorized the secretary of the navy to charter a ressel to earry food to the famine sufferers. and you may help fill that ship. We want so send at least 600,000 bushels of corn. That will save the lives of at least 1,000,000 people. Many will respond in contribu-ions of money, and the barns and cornrios of the entire United States will pour orth their treasures of food. When that thip is laden till it can carry no more, we will ask him who holds the winds in his fist and plants his triumphant foot on stormy waves to let nothing but good happen to the ship till it anchors in Bengal or Arabian waters. They who help by con-bributions of money or breadstuffs toward illing that relief ship will flavor their own (sood for their lifetime with appetizing unalities and incure their own walfare jualities and insure their own welfare hrough the promise of him who said. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor. he Lord will deliver him in time of

Oh, what a relief ship that will be! It shall not turn a screw nor hoist a sail until we have had something to do with its caro. Just seventeen years ago from these Easter times a ship on similar errand went out from New York harbor-the old war rigate Constellation. It had once carried yuns of deaths, but there was fumine in (reland, and the Constellation was loaded with 500 tons of food. That ship, once covered with smoke of battle, then covered with Easter hosannas; that ship, constructed to battle England, going forth over the waters to carry relief to some of her starving subjects. Better than sword into plowshare, better than spear into pruning hook [was that old war frigate, white winged angles of the construction of the turned into a white winged angel of resur-rection, to roll away the stone from the mouth of Ireland's sepulchre. On like ercand five years ago the ship Leo put out with many tons of food for famine struck Russia. One Saturday afternoon on the leck of that steamer, as she lay at Brook-A committee of the King's Daughters had decorated the ship with streamers and ounting, American and Bussian flags interwining. Thousands of people on the wharves and on the decks join us in invokwharves and on the deeks join us in invoking God's blessing on the cargo, and the long meter Doxology in "Old Hundred" sounded grandly up amid the masts and ratlines. Having had the joy of seeing that ship thus consecrated, we had the additional joy of standing on the docks of St. Petersburg when the planks of the relief ship were thrown out and the representatives of the municipality and of royalty tives of the municipality and of royalty went aboard her, the long freight train at went aboard her, the long freight train at the same time rolling down to take the food to the starving, and on alternate cars of Mat train American and Russian flags floating. But now the Hunger in India is mightier than any that Ireland or Russia aver suffered. Quicker ought to be the response, and on so vast a scale that the one ship would become a whole flotilia—New York sending one, Boston another, Philadelphia another Charleston, another, New York sending one, and the sending one another. delphia another, Charleston another, Phila-orleans another. Then let them all meet in some harbor of India. What a peroration of mercy for the nineteenth century! I would like to stand on the wharf at Calcutta or Bombay and see such a fleet come in. With what joy it would be welcomed! The emaciated would lift their heads on the such as and with this shriveled hands and elbows, and with thin hands ask, "Is it coming-something to

And whole villages and towns, too weak to walk, would erawl out on hands and knees to get the first grain of corn they could reach and put it to their famished lips. May I ery out for you and for others to those sufferers: "Wait a little longer bear up a little more, oh, dying men of India; oh, starving women; oh, emaciated babes! Relief is on the way, and more relief will soon be coming. We send it in the name of the Asiatic Christ, who said: 'I was hungry, and yo fed me. Inascent was hungry, and ye fed me. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto

me.'"

Christian people of America, I call your attention to the fact that we may now, as never before, by one magnificent stroke open the widest door for the evangelization of Asia. A stupendous obstacle in the way Christianizing Asia has been the difference of language, but all those people understand the gospel of bread. Another obstacle has been the law of caste, but in what better way can we teach them the brotherhood of man? Another huge difficulty in the way of Christianizing ficulty in the way of Christianizing Asia has been that those people though the religion we would have them take wa no better than their Hindooism or Moham-medanism, but they will now see by this crusade for the relief of people 14,000 miles away that the Christian religion is of a higher, better and grander type than any other religion, for when did the followers of Brahma or Vishnu or Buddha or Con fucius or Mohammed ever demonstrate lik interest in people on opposite sides of the world? Having taken the bread of this life from our hands, they will be more apt to take from us the bread of eternal life. The take from us the bread of eternal life. The missionaries of different denominations in India at forty-six stations are already distributing relief sent through the Christian Herald. Is it not plain that those missionaries, after, feeding the hunger of the body. will be at better advantage to feed the hunger of the soul? When Christ, before preaching to the 5000 in the wilderness; broke for them the miraculous loaves, He indicated that the best way to prepare the broke for them the miraculous loaves, he indicated that the best way to prepare the world for spiritul and eternal considerations is first to look after temporal interests. Oh, church of God in America and

ests. Oh, church of God in America and Europe!

This is your opportunity. We have or occasions of Christian patriotism cried. "America for God!" New let us add the battle shout, "Asia for God!" In this movement to give food to starving India I hear the rustling of the wing of the Apocalyptic angel, ready to fly through the midst of heaven proclaiming to all the kingdoms and people and tongues the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ.

And now I bethink myself of something I And now I bethink myself of something I

never thought of before. I had noticed that the circle is God's favorite figure, and upon that subject I addressed you some time ago, but it did not occur to me until now that the gospel seems to be moving in a circle. It started in Asia, Bethlehem, an Asiatic village; Jordan, an Asiatic river; Calvary, an Asiatic mountain. Then this gospel moved on to Europe. Witness the chapels and churches and cathedrals and Christian universities of that continent. Christian universities of that continent. Then it crossed to America. It has prayed and preached and sung its way across our continent. It has crossed to Asia, taking the Sandwich Islands in its way, and now in all the great titles on the coast of China people are singing "Rock of Ages" and "There Is a Yountain Filled With Blood," for you must know that not only have the Scriptures been translated into those Asiatic tengues, but also the evangelical hymns. My missionary brother, John, translated some of them into Chinese, and Mr. Gladstone gave me a copy of the hymn, "Jesus, Lover of me a copy of the hymn, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," which he had himself translated into Greek. The Christ who it seems spent sixteen or eighteen years of His life in In-dia is there now in spirit, converting and saving the people by hundreds of thou-sands, and the Gospel will move right on through Asia until the story of the Savour's birth will anew be made known in Bethlehem, and the story of a Saviour's sacrifice be told anew on and around Mount Calvary, and the story of a Saviour's ascension be told anew on the shoulder of Mount Olivet. And then do you not see the circle will be complete? The glorious cir-cle, the circle of the earth!

May 10, was a memorable day, for then was laid the last tiethat connected the two rail tracks which united the At-lantic and Pacific oceans. The Central Pacific railroad was built from California eastward. The Union Pacific railroad was built westward. They were within arm's reach of meeting, only one more piece of the rail track to put down. A great audience assembled midcontinent to see the last tie laid. The locomotives of the easern and western trains stood panting on the tracks close by. Oration explained the occasion, and prayer solemnized it, and music enchanted it. The tie was made of polished laurel wood, bound with silver bands, and three spikes were used—a gold spike, presented by California; a sliver spike, presented by Nevada, and an iron spike presented by Arizona, When, all heads uncovered and all hearts thrilling with emotion, the hammer struck the last spike into its place, the can-non boomed it amid the resounding mountain echoes and the telegraphic instru-ments clicked to all nations that the deed was done. My friend, if the laying of the last tie that bound the east and the west of one continent together was such a resounding occasion, what will it be when the last tie of the track of gospel influence, reaching clear around the world, shall be laid amid the anthems of all nations? The spikes will be the golden and silver spikes fashioned out of the Christian generosity of the hemispheres. The last hammer stroke that completes the work will be heard by all the raptured and piled up galleries of the universe, and the mountians of earth will shout to the throne of heaven: "Hallelushout to the throne of heaven: iah, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth! Halleluiah, for the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord Jesus Christ!"

The situation in the Greece-Turkish war seems to be that the powers are waiting for Greece to acknowledge her defeat, when they will step in and end hostilities. No declaive engagement between the combatants s reported.

Col. John Hay, the newly appointed United States ambassador to Great Britain, and Mrs. Hay were presented to Queen Victoria

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Anothor of the unisances to which the President of the United States must submit is the gift-maker. Fortunately the White House has a garret, and to this unwelcome offerings are consigned. It is the duty of the president's private secretary to receive all gifts and acknowledge them when advisable. Enough patent medicines are stored in the garret to stock a drug store. Many owners of patent medicines send a sample of their wares to the president in the vain hope of securing a testimonial or acknowledgment. Photographs there are by the thousand. Portraits of babies named after him are there by the score; some of them crayons in gilt frames, which probably cost the admiring parents many sacrifices. These are always acknowledged, the latter being signed by the president. When two photographs are sent the president signs one and returns it to the parents, when it is destined to become a family heir loom. During the last four years Mr. Cleveland has received enough mascots to last his descendents for the next fifty generations. Left hind feet of graveyard rabbits, coins and luck stones, each accompanied by a remarkable history carefully written by the giver, are strewn about the garret. The most unique gifts are those sent by homely country folk. Bed quilts of the "crazy" pattern, which must have taken years to sewand embroider; bits of rag carpet, one of them made from pieces of clothing worn by seven generations of the same family; knitted woolen panels depicting religious scenes, and hosts of similar things are strewn about, each and all of them unveiling a rich mine of kindly feeling for the ruler of the land.

To Grow Teeth.

A Moscow dentist has solved the problem of supplying the human mouth with false teeth which will grow into the gums as firmly as natural ones. Doctor Zamensky has performed several successful operations on dogs as well as human beings. The teeth are made of gutta percha, porcelain or metal, as the case may be.

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A Pin Race Party,

If you ever lived in the country and attended a country fair, you have doubtless seen a potato race. A cousin of the potato race, called the pin race, may be played in the city, and it will be found to be jolly amusement for an evening party. Place two rows of pins on the carpet, one on each side of the room; the pins should be six inches apart; then at the word of command. the two players are to pick up one pin at a time, return with it, and place it in a bowl. The one who has picked up all the pins first, of course, wins. There is no stipulation as to which pin is to be first picked up. Counters may take the place of pins, or nuts would do; but pins are best because of the difficulty in picking them up. Some fun may be made by guessing who will be the winner in the pin race.

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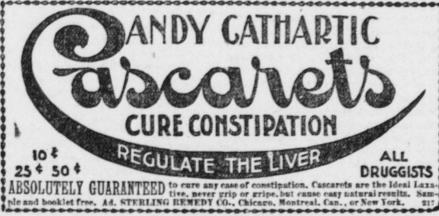
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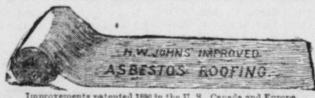
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